GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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CROSS BORDER SMUGGLING
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have worked out a fresh special plan to deal with the cross border smnuggling on Indo-Pak border and Indo-Nepal border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the special plan is likely to be executed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a), (b) & (c): In order to check cross border smuggling and other anti-India activities on Indo-Pak border, fencing/flood lighting works in Punjab and Rajasthan sectors has been completed. Further, Government has recently approved a comprehensive proposal for construction of fencing/flood lighting on a raised embankment, link roads, border roads and BOPs in310 kms of Rann area of Gujarat sector at an estimated cost of Rs.380 Crores. This project will be executed approximately in 5 years. Similarly, a multi-modal approach for sealing the Jammu International Border has been approved by the Government recently. This work will be executed in one and a half years to two years time. DRI & field units under Customs having jurisdiction over Indo-Pak border are also on high alert and vigilant to detect and prevent cross border smuggling of contraband goods.

As for Indo-Nepal border, to check cross border smuggling and other anti-India activities, States bordering Nepal have been advised to strengthen policing/patrolling and maintain strict vigil on the border. Customs formations & DRI officers are also keeping strict watch on the movement of third country goods to Nepal on import from Calcutta port, to prevent deflection/diversion into India.